

Private Ownership
of Land at Stake
in SPG Meet Here

Every citizen interested in the rehabilitation of the Southwestern Proving Ground property should attend the mass meeting called by the landowners at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Hope city hall.

The mass meeting is required in order to lodge a united protest by Hempstead county against the State of Arkansas' action in filing a claim for the 35,000 acres of the firing range.

Thus far the state has failed to withdraw its claim, and it will be the purpose of Friday's meeting to persuade state officials that they have stumbled unwittingly into a situation where the continued presence of the state's claim hurts the economic future of this section.

This is purely an economic issue, without political significance. Apparently Governor Ben Lacey knew nothing about the filing of the state's claim until several days later.

The claim was filed by Hendrix Lackey, chairman of the State Resources & Development Commission, on the assumption that here was something the state could pick up for nothing and make it into a state park or game preserve.

Our own information is that the Little Rock office of the Federal Land Bank, figuring some of the 35,000 acres of the firing range might have to "lay out" for years because of impregnation by unexploded shells, made the park suggestion to Mr. Lacey. We published this charge February 7—11 days ago—and it hasn't been denied.

I think this is important for it tends to show that in this crucial hour for the economic future of Hempstead county the switches are being thrown by salaried bureaucrats—in defiance of the wishes of the people and of the solemn pledges of their elected officials.

This is, as I said, an economic issue, the question of whether to give private landowners the land they own, or whether the government should take it away from them to meet the emergency of war.

Return of that land was promised—and is one promise that is going to have to be kept. Furthermore, there is an overwhelming objection to the state's plan for a park or game preserve. So long as this property remains an issue between the local public and the federal government, we are in a position to ask Washington for further appropriations to clean up shell-impregnated lands—even though the process takes many years. But if we permit title to be passed to the state government, which has no money enough to develop the park, it already owns, then we will have abandoned all hope of rehabilitating the remainder of the firing range as a future farm community.

By JAMES THRASHER
Tax Proposals Herald Political Shift
A lot of breath and a lot of newspaper have been squandered on discussion of the income tax cuts proposed by President Truman and the House of Representatives. Both the breath and the paper might have been saved.

Mr. Truman knows perfectly well that the Republican Party will never approve his cut of \$40 across the board, with higher corporation taxes to make up the loss in revenue. The House knew equally well that its whopping reduction of \$5,300,000,000 not only would be trimmed, but would surely be trimmed down by the Senate.

All of which means that the silly season is again upon us. From now until November, both parties will be mixing serious business with antics to impress the voters.

With opposing parties controlling the executive and legislative branches of the government, we can expect the ancient, invariable election-year pattern to be repeated. Each party will try to outdo the other in promises of good things to come.

Aid and comfort will be offered to the farmers, to organized labor, to the veterans, to big business and little business. Democrats and Republicans will put up phantoms Christmas trees loaded with higher wages, lower taxes, better housing, easier credit, and other visionary sugar plums.

Both parties will be frantically kidding themselves, and hoping that they are kidding the public, too. And the segment of the public will be deceived, at least for a while.

But there is another segment of the public that can see what would happen if the phantoms Christmas trees were cut down. Their top-heavy boughs would tumble them over immediately, of course. So this other segment is going to be more interested in seeing what the two parties will work out when they buckle down to reality.

Foremost among the realities is a budget. There will be a lot of sharp and bitter clashes before it can be agreed on.

Whatever the final agreement, the budget total is going to be a big one. When that total is known the logical time to consider tax cuts will be at hand. Even

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20 Years Ago Today

Special features of the local band's "Bandit's Court" will be given by Farris Greene, Robert W. New, Charles G. Wright, and Ben Haynes. George Robinson and Hillman Graves—A move was also in hope to beautify Fair park headed by the City Development committee. A local firm was awarded \$4,496 contract by High-Way Department to work on the Hope, Washington and Nashville road—J. L. Eley of Redland Township is a candidate for Hempstead County Judge—Dorothy Mackell was starring in a film, "Ransom's Folly" at the new Grand.

Business Lags
Despite Drop
of Some Prices

New York, Feb. 18 —(AP)—Storekeepers complained today that despite price reductions business has dropped off more than is normal for the Lenten season.

Customer resistance is becoming more intense, retailers said. Day-to-day purchasing is becoming common.

Just two weeks after the big break in prices with a slump in grains, retail food prices appeared to be steadying.

Price tags in the corner store weren't reacting as quickly to wholesale fluctuations as they did last week.

But there was no steady tendency in the Chicago commodity markets, where a selling wave in the wheat pits started most grains sliding downward again yesterday.

There was an air of uncertainty and a watchful waiting attitude after the seaway tactics of the commodity markets.

Senator Tobey (R-NH) said in Washington that "the edge is off the price problem."

But, he added, his Senate Banking Committee probably will wait and see what happens before acting on anti-inflation measures.

Mr. (R-Mich) took a similar view recently when he proposed a two-week recess on anti-inflation legislation "to see where we are going."

Stag prices were mostly 25 cents a hundred pounds lower at Chicago yesterday, but wholesale pork was slightly higher in New York and as much as \$1 a hundred pounds higher in Chicago.

Cattle prices were generally somewhat higher, but wholesale beef was lower both at New York and Chicago.

Cotton prices for future delivery were \$1.55 to \$2.30 a bale lower in New York.

Stag prices were irregular on the New York exchange, and many leaders were stalled by light selling.

For the first time since Saturday, the Associated Press wholesale index of 35 basic commodities dropped. The index dropped 1.15 points and stood at 127.20.

Weather Has
Touch of
Spring Here

Spring weather continued in Hope today with a high of 77 degrees yesterday and a low 35 degrees, the Experiment Station reported.

The weather forecast is partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday and a little warmer to night.

Chicago, Feb. 18 —(AP)—Much of winter's icy settings were vanishing today as spring-like weather continued over most of the country.

Temperatures were mild except for a narrow band from Northwest Montana to Northern Michigan.

The cold belt covered sections of Montana, North Dakota, Northern Minnesota, extreme Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

The mercury was near zero at some points along the Canadian border.

But thermometers rose to near record marks for the day in many parts of the country yesterday.

Rapid City, S. D., reported 67; Washington, 65; Kansas City, 70; New York, 50; Chicago, 53.

Highest reading across the country was 82 at Los Angeles, one degree above the top at Miami.

Snow on the ground from Illinois westward to Nebraska and south to the Gulf has vanished.

The weather bureau said. Snow remained on the ground, however, from eastern Pennsylvania northeastward.

Missing Negro
Found Dead in
Lafayette County

Milton Williams, about 55, negro resident of the Community Hill section, two miles west of Highway 29, was found dead yesterday just inside the Lafayette County line, Deputy Sheriff Shipp said today.

He had been missing since February 8. Parts of his clothing were found along the search. When discovered his face was submerged in water.

A Lafayette County coroner's jury ruled that death was caused by "exposure or drowning." There was no evidence of foul play.

Disappearing Man
Convicted of
Grand Larceny

DeQueen, Feb. 18 —(AP)—U. D. Lambert, 42, of Natchitoches, La., who had in jail for four days following a recent escape attempt, was convicted of grand larceny here yesterday.

The Sevier circuit court jury fixed his punishment at five years imprisonment.

Lambert disappeared from his cell some 10 days ago, leaving a note apologizing for "springing" a heavy jail door.

He was found hidden under a bunk in another cell, and was quoted by officers as saying he had been unable to leave the courthouse, in which the jail is situated.

He escaped previously, but was soon recaptured.

Astronomers Indicate That
the Planet Mars Has Very
Primitive Form of Life

By O. B. LLOYD
McDonald Observatory, Mt. Locke, Tex., Feb. 18 —(UP)—Astronomers said today that their latest study of the planet Mars had provided tentative evidence that life in a primitive form existed there.

Astronomers from the Universities of Chicago and Texas got what scientists called a "practical close-up" of Mars early today as it whirled to within 63,000,000 miles of the earth (this is the closest it will come to earth in two years).

Using a war-developed infra-red spectrograph focused through an 82-inch telescope, the astronomers made an exacting study of the planet's surface. The conclusion, that probably lichen, the hard, moss-like growth found on rocks in the United States, existed there.

Scientists said they observed green areas on the planet that adding to the evidence of lichen. The polar ice caps, indicating that the lichen-like plants might be spreading as they grew during the summer months.

Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, observatory director, said the spectrographic studies also indicated that weather conditions on Mars probably would support such elementary forms of life as lichen.

"If lichen exists at all, and it seems likely that it does, it must be in a very primitive form," he said.

Kuiper, a 42-year-old scientist, said that the studies indicated that the planet probably would support life. However, he said the ice caps retreat as much as 100 miles a day, indicating that they are very thin, possibly not more than one-eighth of an inch thick.

He said Mars is now in the calendar phase corresponding to April on earth. The climate of the planet resembles "earth at an elevation of 50,000 feet," he added.

Scientists believe that temperatures on Mars range from a few degrees above freezing to an estimated 80 to 100 degrees below zero, Kuiper said.

Lichen has been known to exist in mountain ranges on earth under similar conditions. The spectrograph through which scientists made their study spreads light out into its component color bands and reveals the composition of the material from which the light is reflected.

The presence of water is indicated by a prominent black light band. Advanced forms of life such as trees, plants and flowers would contain considerable water and therefore the spectrograph would show the heavy black band. Because the spectrograph failed to show the black band, the scientists concluded that life present on Mars must be of a low order which does not contain much water.

Kuiper said that the studies would not be completed for two weeks.

But the reservations Wheeler lacked on after the council thought he had accepted broke up the deal. The league was set up to avoid conflict with the Fair-Hartley Act's ban on political spending by unions. Its main objective was to beat Congress members who voted for the labor law last year.

The next decision was left up to the league's 30-man Advisory Committee, due to meet here March 9.

Today, those who should know say the leadership has just about decided to recommend that the AFL proceed with its league activities under the part-time direction of AFL President William Green.

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, Assistant Director Joseph D. Keeney of the 1919 base-most of the league's work with a whirlwind drive by union locals, central bodies and state federations to get members to register and join the primaries and general elections.

AFL officials contend no violation of the political spending ban would be involved in spending money simply to persuade people to register and go to the polls.

Endorsement of a candidate would be left to the league, which is being supported by voluntary contributions.

Woman Manager of
Communist Paper
Arrested as Alien

Washington, Feb. 18 —(UP)—Beatrice Johnson, a promotion manager for the pro-Communist weekly "the new masses," has been arrested in New York City for deportation as an alien Communist, the Justice Department announced today.

She is a native of Poland. The warrant charges her with being a member of an organization advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

The arrest was made by FBI and immigration service agents at the corner of 162nd street and Columbus avenue in New York City at about 9 a. m. She was taken to Ellis Island in New York Harbor and held under \$1,000 bond.

Her arrest was part of a stepped-up program by the immigration service and the Justice Department to deport all alien Communists. In the past few months many alleged alien Communists have been arrested, including some of the top-ranking members of the Communist party.

Only Monday Ferdinand C. Smith, national secretary of the National Maritime Union (N.M.U.), was arrested on similar charges for deportation to his native island of Jamaica.

New Tax Cut
Fight Breaks
Out in Senate

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
Washington, Feb. 18 —(AP)—A new tax cut fight broke out in the Senate today over the idea for snuffing Marshall plan bookkeeping.

Republican fiscal leaders insisted the way is now clear for passage of a tax cutting bill this year. But they ran into an argument from Senator Byrd (D-Va.) and other lawmakers.

The Republicans based their opposition on the plan approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to spread the first-year cost of the European recovery program over two government bookkeeping years.

The committee earlier had figured that cost at \$5,300,000,000 for the 12 months starting April 1. Briefly, the plan is this:

Three billion dollars would be set aside for the Marshall plan out of the surplus on hand when the present fiscal year ends June 30. The administration figures that surplus at \$7,500,000,000. It also figured that the surplus next year, that is, June 30, 1949, will be only \$4,800,000,000.

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Social and Personal

Phone 768 Between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Social Calendar

Wednesday, February 18
The Junior and Senior P.T.A. will hold a joint meeting with the other P.T.A.'s of the city schools at the High School Wednesday afternoon at two thirty. The occasion will be a Silver Tea.

Thursday, February 19
Hope Chapter 328 O.E.S. will meet Thursday evening at seven thirty at the Masonic Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Saturday, February 21
The Azulea Garden club will meet at two o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. E. McMahon at the S.P.G. Associate hostesses will be Mrs. William Johnson and Mrs. Walter Verhalen, Jr.

Circle No. 6 W.M.S.
Met Monday

Circle No. 6 of the W.M.S. of the First Baptist church met at the church Monday at 12:30 for a pot luck luncheon. Eight members attended the meeting.

Mrs. Henry Tinsley gave a most interesting discussion of the Mission Study Book.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Walker.

Mrs. Charles Routon, Jr., Hostess to Circle No. 5 W.M.S.

Circle No. 5 of the W.M.S. of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Routon, Jr. for its regular meeting.

Mrs. W. W. Andrews gave two chapters from the Home Missions Book. A short business session followed.

During the social hour the hostess served a delicious salad plate with coffee to seven members and one guest, Mrs. Ida Arnett.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. A. Walker.

Troop No. 5 Girl Scouts
Met Tuesday Afternoon

Troop No. 5 of the Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church for their regular meeting.

Guest speakers for the afternoon were: Mary Anita Laster and Betty Sue Edmiston of the Home Economics Department of Hope High School. They both talked on Good Citizenship.

Miss Ruth McLain was introduced as assistant leader.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs.

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St. Joseph ASPIRIN
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SAENGER
TODAY - THURSDAY
FEATURES
2:29 - 4:34 - 6:39 - 8:44

IT'S LOVIN' and LAUGHIN' MAGIC!

James Stewart

John Wyman

Magic Town
KENT SMITH
NED SPARKS

ADDED LATE NEWS

RIALTO
TODAY - THURSDAY
FEATURES
2:00 - 3:23 - 5:22 - 7:21 - 9:20

Her First KISS...

Her First DANCE...

Her First LOVE!

Cynthia
with
Elizabeth TAYLOR
George MURPHY
Mary ASTOR
S. Z. SAKAL

PLUS
Freddie Martin & Orchestra

Leo Compton, leader of troop No. 6 and Mrs. Harry Shiver, a member of the Troop 5 committee.

Fidelis Sunday School
Class Party Monday Night

Members of the Fidelis Sunday School class of the First Baptist church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Sue Sommer.

During the social hour the hostesses served a delicious salad and dessert plate stressing the George Washington motif.

J.O.Y. Class Party
Tuesday Night

The J.O.Y. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Sue Sommer.

Mrs. Moyce Smith, class president, presided over a short business session.

Mrs. Charles Reynerson gave an inspiring message during the devotional period.

During the social hour Miss Annie Sue Andrews conducted a delightful surprise birthday party.

Mrs. Gus Haynes received many lovely gifts.

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showed that nearly 100 persons had been bitten so badly by rats that they had to go to a hospital for treatment. This same report suggested that rats like human blood, and that the reason they bite people is that they are hungry.

The amount of injury which rats do and their burden on our economy is almost past belief. Several years ago, it was calculated that the annual damage done by rats in Washington and Baltimore alone was between \$400,000 and \$700,000. This represents an average loss of \$1.27 a year per person.

Destroy Corn, Poultry
These rodents eat corn during growth and in cribs. A single rat can eat from 40 to 50 pounds of corn a year. They destroy merchandise, attack poultry, kill wild birds, ducks, woodcocks and song birds, and attack bulbs, seed and plants.

There seems no doubt that rats should be hunted mercilessly on all fronts. Even if this is done, there is some doubt as to whether, in the long run, rats or human beings will survive longer in this world.

QUESTION: What causes hallucinations?

ANSWER: An hallucination is something which is perceived—that is, felt, tasted, heard or seen—but is not real. Because they are not real, the cause is not known, and they may arise from shock or mental disease.

HINT TO MOTORISTS
Do not keep pressing the starter pedal if the motor refuses to start. Experts agree that 15 to 30 seconds is a reasonable limit.

Ducks have a transparent membrane to pull over their eyes in flight—like goggles.

AS LONG AS I LIVE
By Ione Sandberg Shriver

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Written for NEA Service

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They can live in almost any climate and eat everything that human beings eat, as well as other things. They can adapt themselves much better to change and disaster than humans can. At present, they are almost undoubtedly the most dangerous enemies of mankind.

Rats carry such diseases as plague (the black death of the Middle Ages), typhus or jail fever, and rat-bite fever. Plague is present in rats in many parts of the world. It eventually kills the rats themselves. When this happens, the plague germ, leaves the dead rat's body and seeks the nearest alternate host, which may be a human being.

A study, made of attacks on human beings by rats in Baltimore,

showed that nearly 100 persons had been bitten so badly by rats that they had to go to a hospital for treatment. This same report suggested that rats like human blood, and that the reason they bite people is that they are hungry.

The amount of injury which rats do and their burden on our economy is almost past belief. Several years ago, it was calculated that the annual damage done by rats in Washington and Baltimore alone was between \$400,000 and \$700,000. This represents an average loss of \$1.27 a year per person.

Destroy Corn, Poultry
These rodents eat corn during growth and in cribs. A single rat can eat from 40 to 50 pounds of corn a year. They destroy merchandise, attack poultry, kill wild birds, ducks, woodcocks and song birds, and attack bulbs, seed and plants.

There seems no doubt that rats should be hunted mercilessly on all fronts. Even if this is done, there is some doubt as to whether, in the long run, rats or human beings will survive longer in this world.

QUESTION: What causes hallucinations?

ANSWER: An hallucination is something which is perceived—that is, felt, tasted, heard or seen—but is not real. Because they are not real, the cause is not known, and they may arise from shock or mental disease.

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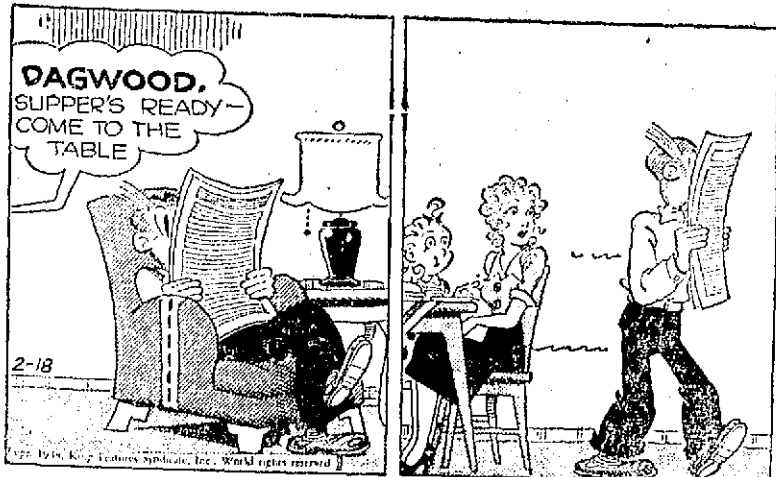
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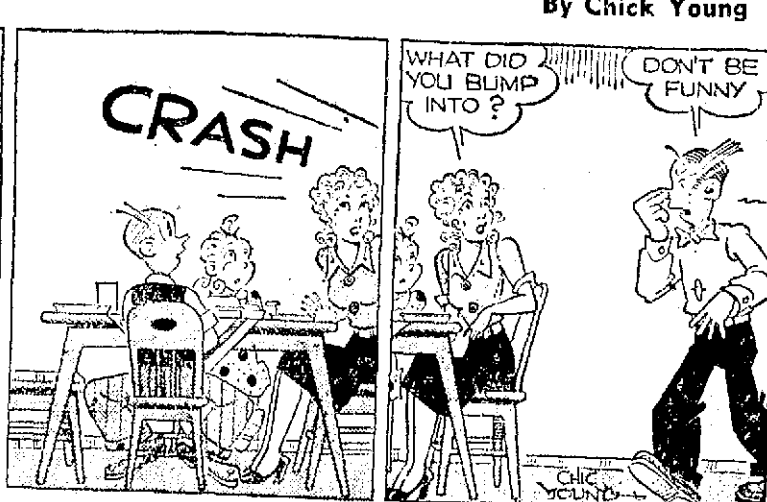
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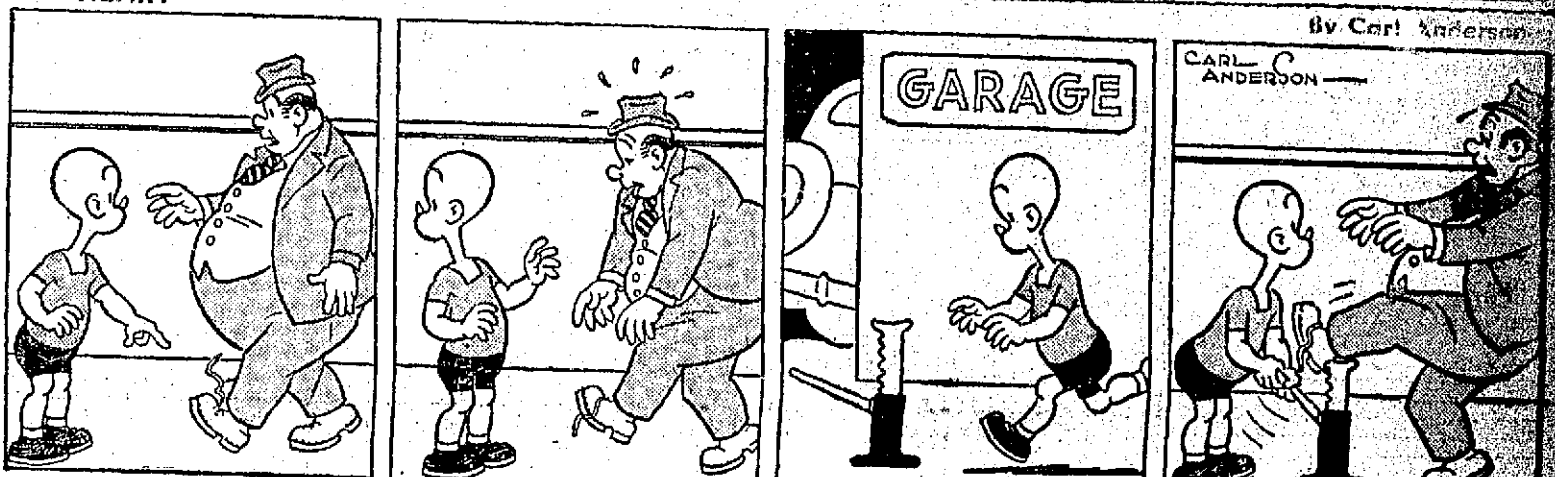
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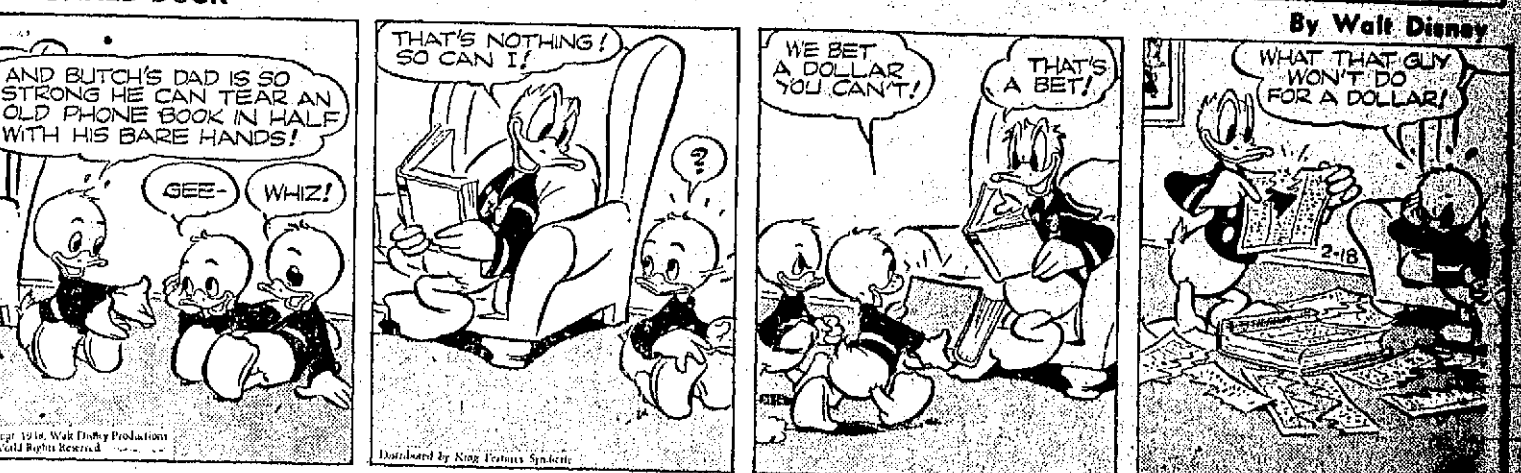
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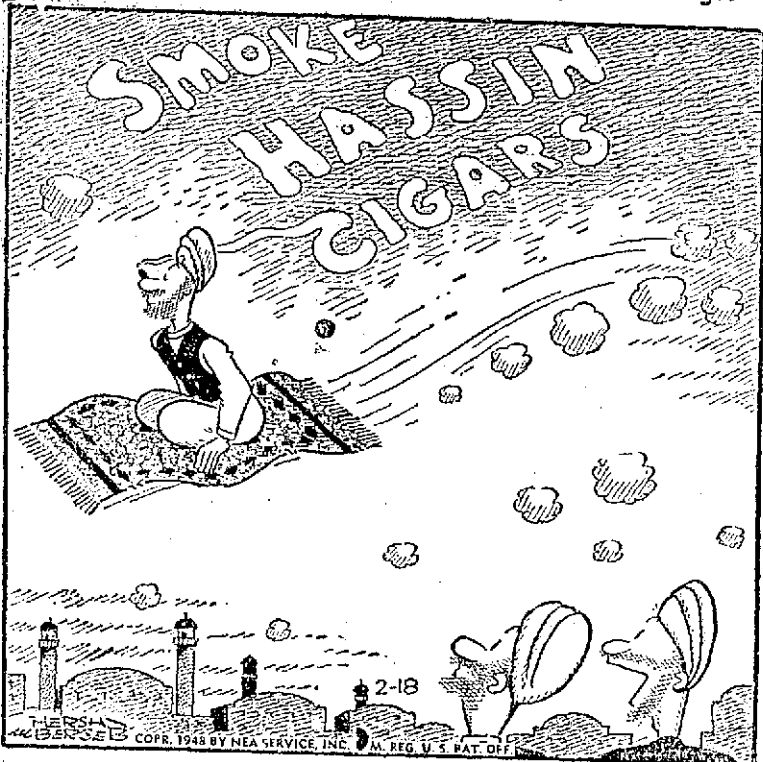
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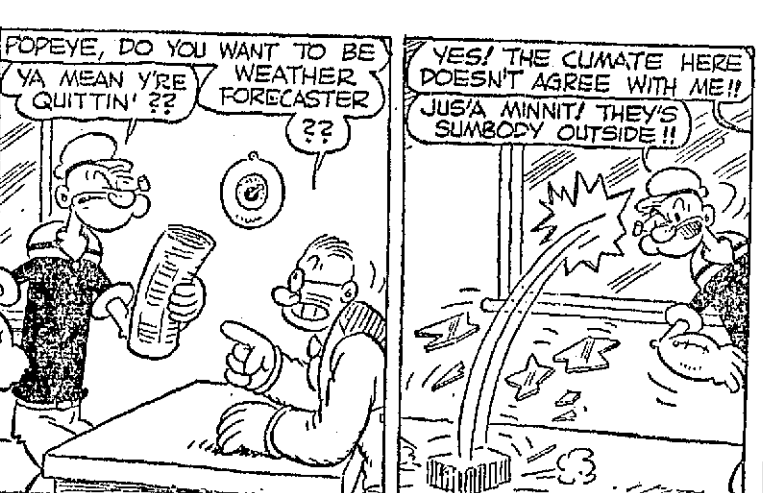


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POPEYE



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With Major Hoople



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More Join in Labor, Union Legal Fight

Indianapolis, Feb. 17 — (AP) — Three publishers, newspaper associations and several labor unions have jumped into the legal fight between the National Labor Relations Board and the AF L International Typographical Union.

Nearly a dozen legal documents, most of them memoranda, were filed in federal court yesterday in connection with the NLRB petition for an injunction against the ITU. The NLRB is seeking an injunction to prevent alleged unfair labor practices by the union.

The American Federation of Labor charged that the section of the Taft-Hartley law under which an injunction is sought is "an unconstitutional subversion of judicial power."

The AFL brief was filed in support of an ITU motion to dismiss the petition for an injunction on the grounds the injunction was not sought at the proper time. The NLRB filed a formal complaint against the union last Nov. 21, but an injunction was not sought until Jan. 16, 1948.

On the other side, the American Newspaper Publishers Association said in a brief filed yesterday that "with each passing week the extent of the respondent's (ITU) violation of law increases."

Briefs arguing against dismissal of the petition also were filed by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and the Inland Daily Press Association.

Urging that the motion to dismiss be granted, the International Association of Machinists said "the liberties and rights of these employees are at stake." Other unions joining the fight included John L. Lewis United Mine Workers and the Chicago Typographical Union No. 16.

WORLD'S WETTEST

The average annual rainfall at Mount Waialeale, in Hawaii, has been measured at 505 inches, or more than 42 feet every year, making it perhaps the world's wettest spot.

The average brass contains about 70 per cent copper and 30 per cent zinc although other brasses are made with different proportions.

WEAK NERVOUS

Are you troubled by distress of female functional periodic disturbances? Does this make you feel so tired, high-strung, nervous—at such times? Then go try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms. Pinkham's Compound is made especially for women. It also has what Doctors call a stomachic tonic effect. Any druggist or mail order house will send you a free booklet.

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Iron Lung Is Demonstrated at Fire Station



—Miss Effie Hyatt is the "victim" on which use of the iron lung is demonstrated. Others in the photo include left to right: John Keck, Charles Malone, A. D. Malone, Syvelle Burke, Henry Fenwick, LaGrone Williams and Ed Aslin. The VFW organization is soliciting funds with which to purchase the lung for use in Hempstead County.

U. S.-Britain Offer Germans Their Own Government

With formation of central government for western Germany, present Economic Council gets new powers to enforce decisions welding eight German states into economic and political unity. Move is expected to end labor trouble in Ruhr, where 16,000 are on strike and in Hamburg, where 5000 dockhands are idle.



U. S. and Britain will seek to bring French Zone into new setup. This will create a central "Trizonia" government for 95,800 square miles of Germany with population of 45,397,600 people.

Offering Germans their first central government since Adolf Hitler's suicide on April 30, 1945, the U. S. and Britain gave presidents of eight German states within the Anglo-U. S. occupation zone, a plan for their own two-house legislature, high court and central bank. Highlighting the split between east and west, the move would isolate Russia's "Iron Curtain" eastern zone. Map shows the eight German states over which the new German government would have authority under the existing bi-zonal Economic Council. Frankfurt would be the provisional capital of western Germany until the whole country is unified.

UN Partition Group Says Job Can't Be Done Without Backing of an Armed Force

By DeWITT MacKENIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The five small countries of the United Nations Palestine Commission, assigned the task of partitioning the Holy Land between Jews and Arabs, declare the job can't be done without the backing of an armed force.

They want help — and they want it fast! They emphasize "the compelling need for prompt action in order to avert bloodshed and human suffering in Palestine."

As their report is made, fighting is continuing between Jews and Arabs and thus far it is unofficially estimated that more than 1,200 people have been slain in the communal strife. Big sides are gearing for all-out war. A couple of days ago Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, warned:

"God only knows where it will end. One thing is sure: If we are defeated the Jews must be prepared for reprisals."

So the "five lovely pilgrims," as the members of the commission call themselves (Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Bolivia, the Philippines and Panama), have laid their urgent report on the line. It is the only logical conclusion they could reach. There's nothing new in it; there's nothing that any high-school student shouldn't have recognized from news dispatches over a long period; there's nothing that the United Nations didn't expect, because it was a foregone conclusion.

Now it's up to the Big Five to take on where the little five are compelled to rest on their arms. There is only one U. N. body which is empowered under the charter to

provide an armed force to maintain peace, and that is the security council. The Big Five (America, Britain, Russia, France and China) dominate the council by virtue of their veto privileges. If any one of the five powers doesn't like a proposal, that power can kill the motion by a veto. As a matter of fact the efficacy of the security council itself has been about killed by Russia's constant employment of the veto during her war with the democracies.

Thus the little five in referring their troubles to the Big Five may be carrying coals to Newcastle. The Palestine situation certainly will pose a problem for the U. N., despite the fact that for once the Big Five were unanimous in agreeing to partition of the Holy Land. The crux of the problem is this:

The consensus of impartial observers is that the Soviet Union would be delighted to join in providing armed troops for Palestine, since that would give Moscow a chance to get a military toe-hold in the oil-soaked and strategically situated Middle East. The last thing America, Britain and France want to see is the emergence of Russia as a power in the eastern Mediterranean.

It's going to be mighty interesting to see how the bickering powers solve this one. What looks like a sound compromise is the suggestion that some of the major powers send troops to the Holy Land but that small countries be asked to furnish the manpower while the big fellows provide the equipment. As a matter of fact, military experts believe that there will be no need for a huge fighting force to maintain peace, but that

Senate Group Also Favors Rent Control

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

Washington, Feb. 17 — (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee unanimously favors extending rent controls 14 months with some changes. The House Banking Committee has voted 18 to 5 to continue the existing law "as is" for one month. It would decide later about a longer extension and any changes.

But members of both committees predicted today the House and the Senate will get together on one of the two proposals — or a compromise — by February 29. The present law expires then.

The Senate committee voted 13 to 0 late yesterday for continuing controls through April 30, 1949. Its bill would permit rent increases up to 15 per cent where tenants and landlords agreed on a lease running through 1949. The present law, up to the start of this year, allowed increases of the same amount in return for a lease good through 1948.

Tenants who already have agreed to a 15 per cent rent boost could not be charged another one, said Senator Cain (R-Wash.), chairman of a banking subcommittee on rents.

Here is Cain's explanation of how the new law would work on those points:

In the case of tenants who accepted rent increases for leases running through 1949, their present rents would be "frozen" when those leases expire December 31. This "freeze" would remain in effect through April 30, 1949 — the expiration date of the proposed new law.

Rent control then would end for all tenants who signed leases under the expiring law.

For those who signed leases under the new law, that is, after Feb. 29, 1949, there could be no further increase until Jan. 1, 1950.

What of tenants who have not already signed a "voluntary" increase lease — and would not under the proposed extension? Cain says their rents would remain unchanged until April 30, 1949. They would have no protection after that.

The Senate committee bill would require the federal rent administrator to permit higher rents where a landlord could prove he was operating at a loss. The administrator would decide how much of an increase.

Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.), chairman of the House Banking Committee, said the "door will be kept open" for possible House action this month on a longer extension than the one-month plan his group voted yesterday.

"If a Senate bill for a 14-month extension comes over to us in time, we will take a look at it," Wolcott told a reporter.

He predicted that in any event controls will be continued eventually for "at least a year in some form."

Cain also indicated willingness to compromise. He said the Senate committee could vote a one-month extension on short notice if it became apparent that the 14-month bill could not clear both houses by the end of this month.

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Besides the rent increase provisions, the Senate committee bill also would:

1. Impose a penalty up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine on any willful violator. This would apply, for example, if a landlord were found guilty of raising the rent before May, 1949, of any tenant who signed a lease originally intended to run only through 1948.

2. Permit the rent administrator to remove controls on rooming or boarding houses if he saw fit.

3. End controls on non-house-keeping rooms in private homes.

4. Require landlords to give a 60-day notice for eviction on any grounds except (a) non-payment of rent or (b) where the tenant has become a nuisance. In these two cases, local law would apply. All eviction cases were now subject to local rather than federal law in the expiring control law.

5. Permit eviction, with 60-day notice, where extensive remodeling or alteration to provide more dwellings is planned.

6. Remove dams on use of scarce building materials for recreation places, such as bowling alleys.

Search for Slayer Spread Out Over a Wide Area

New York, Feb. 17 — (AP) — Police pressed a nationwide manhunt today for an "armed and dangerous" ex-convict tabbed by the police as the ambush killer of Benjamin (Chippy) Weiner, one-time associate of the Murder, Inc. mob.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, warning police to "use caution," identified the object of the widespread search as 28-year-old Hanto Bretagno. He said Bretagno had been quoted as saying "they'll never take me alive."

Weiner, also a former convict, was killed Jan. 13 in a hail of gunfire as he sat in his East Side apartment caring for his infant son. One of the shots imbedded itself in the wall above the sleeping child's crib. Five others struck Weiner.

The district attorney said he believed the slaying was touched off by a gang argument over division of loot taken in a New Jersey truck hijacking.

Police said there were indications that the slayer took a large sum of money from the Weiner apartment.

After the shooting, Bretagno returned "very excited" to a hotel

OLDEST OSTRICH OVA

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"Why, the son of a — even though I put five bullets in him he kept running around the hall."



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